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## THE GREAT QUESTION

"Some are born to honor, and others to dishonor ;  
some to wealth and others to want ; some in the  
midst of crime, ignorance and sorrow, others en-  
vironed in happy condittons.

When and where is the law of compensation applied  
to equalize these conditions, or why should these  
things be ? "

H. C. H.

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## EDITORIALS

### *We Are Masters of Our To-Morrows*

*H. C. Hodges.*

*The Stars incline but do not compel*



THAT the Sun, Moon and Stars guide the destinies of men and that these influences are potent at the birth of each and every human being are facts which the world must soon recognize. The Science of Astrology is gradually commanding more attention, and as the number of students increase marked improvement will be observed in all human relations, for through a knowledge of this science disease can be mainly prevented or successfully treated, criminal instincts transmuted into admirable traits of character; the evils of unsuitable marriages and consequent divorce eliminated from civilized society, and wars cease.

Had Astrology played the part it should have done in the world's affairs, thousands of lives lost in the Russo-Japanese war could have been saved, for Russia, knowing from her national planetary configurations that she was going forth to overwhelming defeat, would have settled her dispute without bloodshed. "So shall wars cease their carnage."

#### **CRIME WILL LARGELY DISAPPEAR.**

Take a child born under Mars. In early youth his parents find him impetuous, fiery and of a violent temper. He seeks quarrels with his playmates and is cruel and destructive. These traits are no wanton freaks of nature, they are a definite force which will act upon that child all his life. If not educated away from violence he may one day commit a murder. If given the proper environment and training the very force which makes him violent will make him a great leader, and successful in his undertaking, for every force in nature is beneficent. It is the abuse of these forces which brings misery and crime.

Given a knowledge of the electric and magnetic influences acting upon a child at the time of birth, it may be determined to what career he will be best adapted, what traits to encourage and those to suppress. Children with criminal instincts, or at least children with tendencies which are likely to make criminals of them can be made "greater than their stars" and be prepared for successful careers.

#### **TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS.**

What this would mean for the human race is shown in the great



part which failure plays in the world of today. Probably less than 10 per cent of those who engage in commercial or professional careers achieve success. Many become preachers who should be metal workers engaged in turning swords into cutlery and cannon into plowshears. Young men become doctors when they should be blacksmiths, blacksmiths when they should be merchants, merchants when they should be mechanics, and so on through every occupation. For a few years they struggle on, striving to be something they are unfitted for, and in the end they go down mere wrecks among the flotsam and jetsam of the world.

For example, there are two brothers in a family and the parents choose for them the same profession. One is of a meditative, studious turn of mind, while the other is vigorous and fiery. The parents may decide to make them lawyers and send them to college. The one succeeds admirably and wins high honors, but the other, while just as intelligent in another direction, cannot get along. The one wins prizes for oratory; his brother wins medals for athletic prowess. One becomes a famous statesman, the other drifts aimlessly through life and accomplishes nothing. The parents are happy in the success of the one son, but they are a thousand times more miserable in the failure of the other. Had those parents consulted the charts at birth, of these two children they would have known that the law was a suitable profession for one but not for the other.

#### MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

Through this Science may be solved one of the greatest problems that has ever confronted the civilized world—that of marriage and divorce. Volumes have been written trying to remedy the divorce evil. Every day the newspapers are full of divorce proceedings and right-minded people are saying:

"What is the world coming to? How can this crime against man and God be stopped?"

The solution is in a knowledge of this science of Life which reveals the traits of a person's character, and what type of person a man or woman should marry. Horoscopes show that one man has a peculiar temperament, while another in disposition is entirely different. Both of these men woo the same girl. This girl is vivacious, quick-witted and pleasure-loving. Without a knowledge of herself through astrological study, she may marry the wrong man. That marriage means one more divorce, or at least, more misery. Those two people are very certain to disagree, they cannot live happily together for any great length of time.

Then, again, two maps may harmonize generally, but there comes a time when the planets by progression or transit may tend to stir up

ill feeling between the two, and until this affliction has passed, they must avoid such things as are signified by the planet's influence to cause in-harmony between them, for these directions do not last and pass away in time. If these influences were better understood, then humanity would solve many of the difficult problems that are now keeping the world in ignorance, and bringing into physical manifestation imperfect bodies and gross environments.

The time is coming when two persons desiring to marry will be required to procure their horoscopes from an astrologer appointed by the State, which charts will show just what they are physically and mentally, before they can obtain a license, and in that day divorce and unhappy domestic life will begin to disappear. John Doe, for instance, may desire to marry Mary Lane. He will seek a marriage license. The official astrological examiner will perhaps say:

"Mr. Doe, you have many admirable traits of character, and so has Miss Lane, but you are totally unfitted for each other. You will not live happily together. I cannot grant you a license."

Today people would resent such interference, but education in astrological principles would soon accustom the world to it. Thus would divorce eventually be eliminated and man and wife live together happily, and bring into the world strong and happy children.

This would mean a stronger and more wholesome life from every point of view, for happiness is the object sought for.

#### WOULD SIMPLIFY RELIGION.

But this is not the end of the benefits to be derived from a knowledge of this Science. One of the greatest problems of a world is religion. Difference of religious opinion has caused more misery and bloodshed than any other one agency since the beginning of time. Close friends have become enemies, wars and martyrdoms fill the pages of history.

Popular Theology teaches that salvation lies in the atoning blood of Jesus, when the truth is,

"No atoning blood can save from ignorance and crime.

Save thyself is the decree of the Divine."

The Science of Planetary Influences reveals that its natural laws are divine and beautiful when rightly understood. Through ignorance we err, but through experience we gain knowledge, and with knowledge comes power, and with power, liberty. Then we see there is no death, only a change of condition, but with this change we do not escape the fruits of what we have sown, and as we move into other planes of manifestation we shall find the map of our horoscope harmonize with our just deserts, good or evil though it be.



NATURE has provided a marvelous system by which the blood may be kept pure, which means health of body, clearness of mind and constantly developing powers, for it is natural to grow. There are cells in the human brain that act only when the blood is thoroughly oxygenized and charged with the magnetism of mentality.

The breath and the mind acting in unison form a subtle force which is able to change a sick body into a well one or vice versa; a weak will into a strong one or the reverse; or to lift an unsuccessful individuality into one in which are embodied the elements of success. There are marvelous possibilities lying dormant through failure to use the God-given faculties of mankind. Breathe deep and realize mentally that you are breathing health for your body, clear perception for your mind, and courage and strength for your soul.

Breathe deep and realize this, *"From God's marvelous atmosphere, I inhale those qualities which cause pure blood to flow through all my veins, giving me perfect health."*

## There is No Such Thing as Self-Sacrifice

(Continued from January.)

*It is not within the power of human expression to sacrifice itself for others.*



SOMEWHERE in the course of the evolution and devolution of inspired ideals, that of aspiration for attainment, degenerated into a theorem of atonement through self-abnegation or the sacrifice of innocent life. This was grasped as a welcome shifting of responsibility and has had its pernicious effect on humanity for ages.

The inherent divinity is, however, emerging from such debris of superstition and error and is asserting the attainment of perfection to be the inheritance of all created beings.

In the efforts to reconcile the idea of saving from evils by sacrifice, interesting phases of character have developed among which we glance at the following:

There is that large and varied class living behind a vast shield, as it were, from retribution or calamity, to which is given the name "absolution through penance." Thousands live lives of engrossed material existence doing penance for their sins of ignorance and of omission and commission, even into future states of existence, before evolving from that misconception.



Others are the "self-abnegators" who believe in denying themselves material possessions; all recognition of merit, and possessing themselves with a spirit of abject humility; for what purpose? That they may be saved and save others." Saved from what? From past sins of error and greed as well as future ones, sure to follow, for they are "but worms of the dust." As a result of *such* a conception of this glorious life, this type awakens slowly to realize an inheritance to the freedom of a joyful service of love by which they may rise to perfection.

Other types are those who are awake to the great need to relieve suffering, soothe sorrow, allay fear, to sustain courage and cheer on the voyage of life, and waves of pity, surge within them but stir no purpose. These are ever looking to others to accomplish reforms; they plan broad fields of activity for others to occupy, they pity, but no more; however, pity is akin to love and these waken from their dream sooner than many others. They often dream of future days of leisure and abundance when they may join forces with others on the highway of usefulness.

Those who realize the need, together with their right to a place among the forces moving toward perfection—open their beings to the inflow of the tide of love and wisdom and are borne on its mysterious currents to greater wisdom, true helpfulness and consequent happiness. The willing cry, "I am here send me" comes from a joyful realization that there is nought to fear in all God's Universe, "me and mine first" are not graven on the tablets of memory—the solemn sweetness of communion with the most High has revealed the truth that "We are all on our voyage to a life more glorious, love and the majesty of eternal laws enfold humanity away from the possibility of self-sacrifice.



IN view of the fierce battle we must wage to overcome the prejudice and the wrong concepts inculcated into the minds of the past generations, progress is necessarily slow. The propaganda of education must be a tedious one.



WE are about to publish an important and interesting work containing a true history of the times of Moses and other scripture characters, quoting the Bible version, and disclosing the discrepancy between the facts as they were and those early scripture narratives.

This work reviews with rational insight and in a simple, concise style, the books of Genesis and Exodus, pointing to the fact that those

writings had their inception in the minds of men of a primitive and ignorant age who wrote them in accordance with their limited knowledge and understanding.

Have those old scriptures assisted in the education of the human race, have they been useful in bringing the world to a higher standard of development, have they taught the higher conditions relating to life, or the truth as to an existence in that life which is the next step toward perfection? We may truthfully answer, No.

These errors must be eradicated, the world must live in the light, free from their contaminating influences, and recognizing the true God of Love and Wisdom, not as a God of jealousy or anger, but the one who doeth all things well.

We are confident that when this book is read without bias, it will unbind the fetters of superstition and assist humanity in its onward march to a higher state of evolution.

The reader cannot fail to find these narratives deeply interesting, because of their lucid common-sense viewpoint, that of narrative pure and simple, devoid of superstition and mysticism.

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## Twentieth Century Forward Movements

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Rev. A. F. Waldo, Riverside, Ill.

### 3. THE PEACE MOVEMENT.

In addition to the forward movements along the line of modern science, and the spiritualization of wealth, which have been traced in preceding articles, there is also an advance towards universal peace.

True, this was well and significantly begun during the last year of the last decade of the last century, when the first Hague Conference met for the consideration of very great and important international questions. The second Hague Conference, assembled in 1907, continued the work of the first, and—a thing the first did not do—prepared the time and program for its successor, to be held in 1915. The results of these conferences have been great and far

reaching beyond computation, though failing, of course, to fully satisfy the peace-extremists or silence the voice of the pessimist.

Omitting minor details, five fundamental things have been accomplished.

1. A Prize Court has been established to safeguard neutrals in time of war.

2. An article has been adopted agreeing to the non-forcible collection of contract debts.

3. Numerous provisions have been made for the pacific settlement of international differences, the most important of which is the erection of the Permanent Court of Arbitration of the Hague, a court which has already peacefully and satisfactorily settled four very great and important cases,

any one or every one of which might otherwise have caused war.

4. A unanimous agreement was reached, bordering so far as all practicable purposes are concerned very closely upon obligatory arbitration: heretofore, when two states have had a quarrel, they have been obliged to BOTH agree to submit it to arbitration—an agreement scarcely to be expected of two nations whose relations are strained and inflamed; but today, as a result of article 48 of the Second Hague Conference, it is in the power of ONE of the nations to openly address the Hague Bureau and demand arbitration, so that any country sincerely wishing to avoid war may say, "I appeal to the judges of The Hague." Is it likely, under these conditions, that the other party to the quarrel would wish, by refusing arbitration, to excite against itself world-wide public sentiment and reproach?

5. The FOUNDATION has been laid for obligatory arbitration. Though it is true, as the scoffer complains, that obligatory arbitration failed to PASS the Hague Conference, yet if MAJORITIES ruled in the Hague Conference, as they do in ordinary legislative bodies, obligatory arbitration WOULD HAVE CARRIED by a vote of 35 to 9!

With a vast majority for it, and with only a negligible or convertible minority against it, it may be truthfully asserted that the FOUNDATION has been laid for a great permanent court to which the powers will be compelled to submit their international disputes.

In addition to these immeasurably important tangible results, there are also the great MORAL results, preparatory to better things. When it is remembered that for the first time in

history, a Peace Conference has assembled without a war as its immediate cause; that this Conference was composed of three hundred delegates from all states of the world; that for four successive months it prosecuted the discussion of the most difficult and delicate questions—questions concerning which diametrically opposed opinions obtained; that these questions were debated in the most thorough, vivacious, passionate manner, and yet without any animosity, although some of the representatives were but recently arrayed against one another in the bitterness of bloodshed:—when these things are remembered, will any one with a real vision, undertake to assert that these achievements in the Peace Movement do not mark an advance of sufficient magnitude and grandeur to very greatly distinguish the opening years of the Twentieth Century?

### A LITTLE LIFE PROBLEM.

By Sheldon Clark.

It has been asked, "What should one do who has been falsely accused, slandered, and abusive language directed to him who is innocent of the charges of wrong doing, expressed or implied?"

Under these circumstances, these accusations do not touch you, and should not affect the tranquility and poise of that inner life which is YOU. In fact these things cannot affect anyone, except through certain qualities which one attaches to his personality as things of worth to be protected, such as false pride, vanity and some other forms of fear, with which the real man or woman has nothing to do. Look you to your CHARAC-



TER. Your reputation is in the keeping of those who made it. If these vain considerations are kept out, all is well; but if admitted, even to the extent of denying the false charges, you place yourself on a level of the custom and spirit of the half-truth, worldly-world; and, in that environment, you will have no end of trouble, having become a part of it. But if you hold fast to the integrity of your divine being as one with the Supreme, all is well; for you will have perceived that this tirade is not for you; nor does it come from the real of the man who sent it. The Real of him is your brother, and partaking (at least potentially) of the same, "I Am" unity with the Divine of which you are conscious, but to which state he has not yet arrived.

So, it was not your real brother who offered the libellous insults so-called. He who did it does not know that it was a fratricidal proceeding, which can never be consummated, where either party know and observe the Divine Law. Hence there is nothing to remember, and nothing to forgive.

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### THE HEALTH HABIT.

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By Elbert Hubbard.

If a man is sent to gaol it is because he has disobeyed the laws of the land. Such an one is disgraced in the eyes of his friends and of society.

If a man is ill it is because he has violated the laws of nature, that is to say, the laws of God. And such an one, instead of feeling disgraced, often feels sorry for himself and explains his sad plight to anyone and everyone who will listen.

Man is made to be well and happy and useful. And if a person is happy, the probabilities are that he will be well; and in order to keep well he has to be useful.

Health is the most natural thing in the world. Nature is on our side. Health is the norm, and all nature tends thitherward.

Doctors now-a-days do not talk about curing people. All the wise and good doctors can do is to put the patient in touch with nature. Nature heals, and all the healing forces of nature are perfectly natural. We know the rules of health. Everyone of common intelligence is familiar with them. The trouble is that many men consider themselves exceptions; and postponed punishment does not deter them from violating the laws of nature.

We should not only know the rules of health and bear them in mind, but we must bring to bear the will to see that we live them. We have the knowledge, but we lack the technique; that is to say, we haven't acquired the habit.

Health is a habit, and a vast number of people are acquiring it. They make it their business to be well every day and all the time, and the rules whereby they succeed are endorsed by every sound doctor. First think health, not disease.

Keep your mind on the ideal, and picture the strong, happy, self-reliant person that you would like to be.

Breathe deeply in the open air, holding the breath, then expelling it slowly through the nostrils.

As a people, we eat about one-third more than we really need, and so our energies are consumed in getting rid of the waste.

The greatest disturber of health is fear. Fear means impaired circulation; impaired circulation means impaired digestion; imperfect digestion affects the entire program of life. To eliminate fear we must breathe more and eat less; work more and idle less; praise more and scold less; love more and hate less.

Acquire the Health Habit, and associate with people who have it. It's contagious.—"Nash's Magazine."

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### MEMORIAL TO WASHINGTON

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Masons have just finished setting in the Washington monument Colorado's contribution to the shaft in memory of the first president. It is a beautiful specimen of the Colorado Yule marble, the same material which has been selected for the two million dollar Lincoln memorial to be placed on the bank of the Potomac just west of the monument.

This marble comes from within the Sopris national forest, which furnishes a large part of the timber used in the quarrying operations. The maintenance of timber supplies for this and other quarries and mines is, according to forestry officials, an important part of their work. It will always be their aim, they say, to maintain a supply of timber for this local demand as an aid in the development of one of Colorado's great resources, of which Governor Ammons, who came to Washington to arrange for the placing of the stone, is very proud.

The stone itself will present a rectangular face 2 by 4 feet, upon which the name and seal of the state are inscribed together with the year in which the state was admitted. It is on the 290-foot landing inside the

monument in the middle of the east wall and is thus one of the highest of the many tributes which line the lower part of the historic obelisk. It is now draped from the gaze of the public awaiting a date to be set by Senator Shafroth for simple unveiling ceremonies.

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### WASHINGTON'S DEATH.

George Washington died the last hour of the day, the last day of the week, of the last month of the year, of the last year of the eighteenth century.

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### COLORADO MARBLE FOR LINCOLN MEMORIAL

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The white marble of which the great \$2,000,000 Lincoln memorial temple is to be built on the banks of the Potomac in Washington is to come from the Sopris national forest, Colorado.

This is said to be the first great building in the east to be constructed of this stone, known to the building trades as Denver marble, though much of it has been used as an interior finish in public buildings. In the west a notable example of its use is found in the new federal building at Denver.

While the marble quarries are in the midst of the national forest, they are on private land secured under the laws by which areas bearing deposits of building stone are disposed of by the government. Under the law prospectors can locate and secure title to mineral deposits on the national forests just as they can on the open public domain. The marble company which owns the quarries is a large user of national forest timber in the working

of its properties, situated near Marble, Colo.

The history of the company is said to be of considerable interest, as representing indomitable enterprise against difficulties. The country in which the marble deposits occur is extremely rough and precipitous, and for

a long time was inaccessible because of a lack of transportation facilities. Large sums had to be expended before the stone could be got out and brought to market. Up to 1907, when the product first began to attract attention, it is said that \$1,200,000 had been expended in developing the property.—*From U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.*

## Psychic Research

All Communications to the American Psychical Research Society should be addressed to Dr. James H. Hyslop, Tribune Bldg., New York

*The following interesting experiences are related by Italy Hemperly of College Park, Ga.—Editor.*

### WHAT A WATCH REVEALED.

Today I have had undoubted proof that everything bears its own history. In this instance a watch told much of its own history and that of the two people who had worn it.

Mr. Robert Bryan Harrison, President of the Atlanta Psychological Society, myself and a few other interested people, were in his office in the Austell building discussing various psychological phenomena. Mr. B., who is a clerk of the superior court, requested me to take his watch and tell what I could of the former owner.

Mr. Harrison placed the heavy gold watch in my hand and made the verbal suggestion that I would become passive and tell Mr. B. just what I got from the watch. This I did, describing Mr. B.'s father and telling him that he was not in this earth life.

I also told him that the watch had been on a long railway journey alone, and at the end of the journey had gone up, up a long way into a building where there was much noise of machinery."

When Mr. Harrison returned the watch to Mr. B. he admitted that all I had stated was correct except the journey made by the watch. My father, who passed away several years ago, did give me the watch, but he bought it not long before his death and I have not been away from the city on any long journey since it has been in my possession."

Two weeks later. Today Mr. Harrison told me that Mr. B. had called by the office of Maier & Merkle, the Whitehall jewelers, to see if the watch had been out of the office during the few days he had left it with them for repairs, prior to the time he



had requested me to give the history of the watch.

"Oh, yes," the jeweler replied to his question. "We sent that watch back to the factory in New York City to have the work done. We did not have the piece needed and thought this would be quicker than ordering it."

So the watch had been on the long journey, and Mr. B. was convinced there are no secrets if we only knew how to read.

When we have grown wise enough to use all knowledge for good, then nature will reveal all her store houses of truth to us.

ITALY HEMPERLY.

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### A STRANGE EXPERIENCE.

One Saturday afternoon while in Mr. Harrison's office he asked me if we could make some experiments; and I readily acceded to the request.

Everyone present grew silent while he placed me in a passive state, and requested me to tell him, if I could, the meaning of the vision he had seen at the closed home of one of his neighbors.

I felt as if I were drifting out from my physical body, and seemed to be in the space of the room in an atmosphere of semi-darkness. In this atmosphere I saw the dim shadowy form of a woman with a grief-stricken face, and these words were borne into my consciousness: "I was there to see my child. He has not kept his promise, and I will bring my child here with me!"

These words and others of like nature came in a grieving and angry tone. I repeated them to Mr. Harri-

son, and was so agitated that he commanded me to open my eyes.

He then told us that he had seen the vision of this mother and child at the front window of the home that was then closed. The mother had been dead a few weeks and the child had been carried to the home of the father's sister. But before her death the mother had asked that the children be given to her mother, as they were mere babies. The husband had promised to do this but had utterly failed to keep his promise made to his dying wife.

About a month after this experience Mr. Harrison told me that the little child he had seen in the vision had died after a brief illness.

ITALY HEMPERLY.

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### WARNED BY A PSYCHIC.

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#### From the Diary of a Psychic.

It was a wild March morning in 1909, and the three people in the old Austell building up in the office on the eighth floor talked of psychological themes until they forgot the bleak winds outside.

Mr. Lyons, manager of the building, turned to the dark-eyed psychic who was busy arranging a bowl of golden jonquils:

"Do you think you could tell me anything about my wife? She has been ill for a long time." His voice held a note of entreaty the psychic could not resist.

For a moment she silently held the tips of Mr. Lyon's fingers with her left hand. "Oh, yes, your wife will grow stronger and get quite well. But I see your little daughter is in great danger from fire. You should

see that she is very careful about fire when near it for she may be fatally burned."

Mr. Lyon went on his way, but a few days later he called at the office and told them that his daughter had been saved from being burned to death that morning. Her clothing had caught fire while she stood near the open grate.

"That is past but you must always be careful when she is near the fire for the danger is not past," the psychic warned him.

One morning in April, 1912, the Psychic read the following headlines in the Atlanta Constitution:

"Miss Lyon, only daughter of Mr. J. T. Lyon, fatally burned at her home in this city."

Had Mr. Lyon forgotten the warning?

ITALY HUMPERLY.

## EVOLUTION OF BELIEF IN THE SURVIVAL OF SOULS.

Capt. W. R. Hodges.

(Concluded from January.)

The ancient Egyptians believed that man consisted of the body, the soul or spirit and Ka. The Ka had a separate existence from the soul and had to be specially provided for. In the tombs of Kings and the higher classes was a room for the Ka and a statue for its dwelling place, separate from that which contained the mummy. Food was provided for its sustenance, otherwise it would wreck vengeance upon the relatives of the dead. Having to board the Ka indefinitely was an expensive and troublesome affair, which was finally avoided by the theory that as the Ka did not consume the food itself it was evident that it subsisted upon the spirit-

ual essence, and that the form was all that was needed, after which terra cotta victuals were furnished which lasted for all time. The heart was weighed against a feather, and if too light it was devoured by a monster. The soul was ushered into the presence of Osiris and subjected to a negative catechism. In other words, it had to say what it had not done.

One of the chief virtues of the Egyptians was truthfulness, they despised a liar. One claim that was made for consideration was that the soul during life had not unnecessarily multiplied words. Great consideration was given to deeds of mercy, kindness to the widow and fatherless. The Egyptian wife and mother was held in high esteem, and her rights were securely guarded by law. Divorce was difficult to obtain, and even where the wife was false to her husband he could not cast her out to starve, but was obliged to care for her.

It is generally believed by all who hold that the apparitional human soul is objectively present in visions and dreams that it bears a likeness to the fleshy body. "Sleep, loosing cares of mind, fell on Achillas as he lay by the sounding sea, and there stood over him Patroklos, like to him altogether in stature, and the beauteous eyes, and the voice, and the garments that wrapped his skin; he spake, and Achilles stretched out to grasp him with loving hands, but caught him not, and like a smoke the soul sped twittering below the earth."

Cicero tells of the phantom living and the ghost of the dead in his tale of two Archadians who came to Megara together, one lodged at a friend's house, the other at an inn. In the night this one appeared to his fellow-traveler, and implored his help as

the innkeeper was plotting his death. The sleeper sprang up in alarm, but thinking the vision of no consequence went to sleep again. A second time his companion appeared to him to entreat that as he had failed to help, he would at least avenge, as the innkeeper had killed him and hidden his body in a dung-cart, and charged him to be at the city gate next morning before the cart passed out. The traveler did as he was bidden, the body of the murdered man was in it, and the innkeeper was brought to justice. Man's spirit, says Swedenborg, is in his mind, which lives after death in complete human form. This seems to be an almost universal belief among the lower races. Thus if a body is maimed in this world it will so appear in the next. The Chinese hold in special horror decapitation, and it is related that a criminal to preserve his head in the next world begged to be crucified, which request was granted. There have been numberless ghosts seen by all generations

from the day that the witch of Eudor saw Samuel's, but both witches and ghosts have been at a discount of late years, and now comes the chief investigator of psychical phenomena and solemnly declares that ghosts do walk, certain sure. Professor Tylor, the greatest living ethnologist, after a profound study of the beliefs of man kind from the dawn of history, says in conclusion, "The conception of the human soul is, in its most essential nature, continuous from the philosophy of the savage thinker to that of the modern professor of theology. The soul is one principal part of a system of religious philosophy which unites, in an unbroken line of mental connection, the savage fetish-worshipper and the civilized Christian. The divisions which have separated the great religions of the world into intolerant and hostile sects are for the most part superficial in comparison with the deepest of all religious schisms, that which divides Animism from Materialism."

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is right.—Bruce Calvert in the Open Road.

A Matter of Numbers—"If a man kills another man is he always put in jail, mamma?"

"Not always. Sometimes he is paid by the government to do it; and if he can only kill enough he will have monuments erected to him."—*Life*.

## Stellar Science Department

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### CASTOR AND POLLUX. Chas. Nevers Holmes.

Dec. 13, 1913.

At this time of the year even an inexperienced star gazer can find in the eastern section of the evening firmament, around 9 o'clock, two fairly conspicuous suns close together, looking apparently so much alike that the sky observer will remark to himself that these two suns are certainly celestial twins.

At the present time these twins, Castor and Pollux, are fairly high in the eastward, Pollux being more eastwardly than Castor. Both suns are also at the eastward end of their constellation, although they lie really in a notheastwardly direction. For an astronomical beginner it will not, perhaps be so easy to pick out the rest of the constellation of Gemini, but the general shape of this constellation is irregularly rectangular, long and comparatively narrow. Gemini is situated firmanentally between the brilliant sun Capella, and the bright sun Procyon, and its most noticeable star

the edge of the famous Milky Way. In all this constellation contains nine suns that may easily be seen by unassisted eyesight, and the names of these nine suns are Castor, Pollux, Alhena (Gamma), Wasat (Delta), Mebsuta (Epsilon), Zeta, Eta, Iota and Mu. Of course all these suns are interesting astronomically, but Castor and Pollux are easily the most conspicuous and the most famous.

Although to the unassisted eye Castor and Pollux look very much alike, a powerful telescope turned upon them will reveal a considerable difference. In the first place, Castor is what is known as a "binary sun," that is, there are really two of him, only his vast distance from us causes him to appear as a single star. Castor, of course, is the more conspicuous of these two binary suns; his sidereal companion sparkling with about third magnitude power. Both these associated stars are of whitish tint, although of course Castor possesses a brighter appearance than the other sun. However, popularly speaking, Castor may be considered in the singular, and this sun is approxi-

mately sixteen light years distant, that is, he is some 100,000,000,000,000 miles from our little planet. But like all sidereal bodies, Castor, Alpha Geminorum is in active motion, it having been estimated that he is approaching us with the velocity of about eighteen miles a second. This is certainly a pretty good rate of speed, but even if Castor should follow us indefinitely it would take him some centuries and then some more to catch up with us, so although a collision between our own sun and the sun Castor would be firmanentally a remarkable and stupendous spectacle, such a collision will not occur during the terrestrial lives of this generation.

Castor is what may be designated as the "upper star" of these twin suns, Pollux being the lower sun. Unlike Castor, Pollux is not "binary," but a single sun, and his characteristic tint or color is orange. Also, Pollux is not swiftly approaching our solar system, but he is very slowly receding from it; but even if he were swiftly approaching us it would probably take him a very long time to reach

our world, for Pollux is about three times as far away from the earth as Castor. In other words, Pollux approximates a distance of almost sixty light years, and when we consider how near alike Castor and Pollux appear firmanentally it is an excellent illustration of the impossibility of judging the true size and light of any sun by our eye alone. Moreover, astronomical measurements have published to the world that the seemingly inconspicuous star Pollux radiates into the universe some sixty-three times as much solar light as our own sidereal beacon, the sun.

Therefore were our King Sol placed as far away as is Pollux he would present to our terrestrial eyes a very insignificant spectacle, even through a powerful telescope. However, to our natural eyesight both Castor and Pollux seem rather inconspicuous and small. They are fortunately firmanently situated in an isolated part of the darkened heavens, and the apparent similarity in size as well as their inseparable association has drawn terrestrial attention to Castor and Pollux for many centuries.

### THE ETERNITY OF PERFECTION

By Dr. Geo. W. Carey.

*(Continued from January.)*

Exponents of the evolutionary theory never tire in quoting Prof. Huxley. One who had not read the writings of this eminent scientist would be led to believe by the statements of his followers that he had

positive views on the great question of force and matter. Following is an extract from a letter written by Prof. Huxley to Charles Kingsley, May 22nd, 1863. From the published letters of Huxley by his son, Leonard:

"I don't know whether Matter is anything distinct from Force. I don't

know that atoms are anything but pure myths—'Cogito ergo sum' is to my mind a ridiculous piece of bad logic, all I can say at any time being 'Cogito.' The Latin form I hold to be preferable to the English 'I think,' because the latter asserts the existence of an Ego—about which the bundle of phenomena at present addressing you knows nothing. I believe in Hamilton, Mansell, and Herbert Spencer, so long as they are destructive, and laugh at their beards as soon as they try to spin their own cobwebs.

"Is this basis of ignorance broad enough for you? If you, theologian, can find as firm footing as I, man of science, do on this foundation of minus naught—there will be naught to fear of our ever diverging.

"For you see, I am quite as ready to admit your doctrine that souls secrete bodies as I am the opposite one that bodies secrete souls—simply because I deny the possibility of obtaining any evidence as to the truth and falsehood of either hypothesis. My fundamental axiom of speculative philosophy is that materialism and spiritualism are opposite poles of the same absurdity—the absurdity of imagining that we know anything about either spirit or matter."

Huxley admitted he did not know.

As the appetite craves new chemical combinations of food from day to day, so does mind or soul crave new concepts of infinite life. The word "Infinite" defines an endless differentiation of concept.

If the Spiritual Consciousness, the "mighty Angel," that the clairvoyant seer, John, saw descending out of the Heavens shall carry away the pillars of material evolution, a Temple of Truth divinely fair will spring Phoe-

nix-like to take its place. Eyes shall then be opened and ears unstopped. Man will then realize that the so-called lower forms of life are just as complex, wonderful and difficult to form as the organism of man. That protoplasm is just as wonderful as gray matter of the brain of man, for brain-cells are the product of protoplasms. That the molecular composition of a jelly fish puzzles the greatest chemist and that the wisdom of a beaver is enough to strike dumb all the believers in the Darwinian deram. But the dream of good and evil has no better foundation than has material evolution. We are here to solve the problems of life, not to evade them, and to name the mighty operations of Eternal Wisdom good and evil is simply evading instead of solving.

The universal Principle, Spirit or God is impartial. Saint and Sinner are one in the Eternal Mind. There is no point in the universe better, higher or nearer God, or the center, than any other point. No place is favored over any other place, for all places are necessary.

As Huxley well said, "Good and evil are opposite poles of the same absurdity." Good must have evil for its opposite, if it exists at all. He who would realize being must get rid of the concept of good, as well as the concept of evil. Good and evil are qualifications, and Being does not admit of qualification or graduation. It simply is. The ideal we call good eternally exists, but its name is wisdom's operations. Nothing is low or high, good or bad, except to individual concept that allows comparison. "Comparisons are odious."

Physical Science so-called declares in its text books that light travels from the sun to the earth in eight



minutes—a distance of about 95,000,000 miles. To question this statement a few years ago meant ostracism from the circle of the elect who knew things. But today the iconoclast stands at the gates of the tempels of learning and batters at their walls with the hammer of Thor. Fear and trembling seize upon the votaries of material gods as they see evolution, progression, the theories of electricity, light and heat, good and evil all cast into the crucible of truth for transmutation in Beings Divine Alchemy. All dissolving as pieces of ice of different size and shape change to water.

The present-day chemist as he begins to tread the soil where stood the ancient alchemist, tells us that light and heat are simply rates of motion of a substance that does not travel from star to star or from sun to planet but vibrates in its place at rates directed by the Eternal Word.

This substance, aerial or etheric, does not travel—it is everywhere present—the body of omnipresent being.

Men now dare assert that there is no evidence that the sun is hot, but that there is evidence that the sun is the dynamo of the Solar System and so vibrates the etheric substance that light, heat and cold and gravitation are produced, not as entities separate from the universal elements, but as results or effects produced by different rates of motion of the molecules that constitute the body of the universe in their place. The Infinite Word did not command light to go from the Sun to the planets, but said, "Let there be light."

We are now told by the remorseless iconoclastic truth-finder that there is no such thing as electricity; that it is a myth so far as fluid or any

kind of substance is concerned. The man with the battering ram at the gates of the temple of Maya, or illusion, says that the phenomena we have named electricity is simply an intensely high rate of vibration, oscillation or motion of the molecules of the wire—molecular motion—or of the air or etheric substance, as in wireless telegraphy.

Another ancient belief, now obsolete, is the progression of soul in a better state of existence after death or cessation of bodily functions. This idea had its origin in the fallacy that there were grades of goodness in the Divine Mind and that somehow we are not treated right during earth life and that in consequence we must be rewarded by an easy berth "over there." But we now see quite clearly that the great cause of life and all its operations would be unjust to withhold from its sons and daughters for one moment anything that belonged to them. If the Cause ever does wrong we see no reason why it should repent and do right. If the Cause ever failed in the least particular to give just dues it may do so again at any time.

The time was, and not so very long ago, when the recognized scientist believed that there were about seventy-four elements indivisible, separate and distinct. But the alchemical iconoclast with his hammer of truth has pulverized the fallacy and remorselessly hammered and pounded the seventy-four faces into one countenance until: "Clothed with the oneness of being we acknowledge dominion of Soul."

For a long time hydrogen gas, the negative pole of water, was supposed to be indivisible beyond all question, but the present day chemist

knows it is only an expression of yet more subtle molecules back of which, "Standeth God within the shadow keeping watch above His own."

Between the phantasy of the "Mortal mind" waste basket out of which so-called matter forever wriggles to confront the disciples of Berkeley and clamor for recognition to the Prodigal Son concept of mental Science that repeats, "All is mind," "All is good," "I am success," "I attract all I need," "I am free," "I am health,"—lies the wrecks of Isms like the thrones and sceptres of Kings and Rulers along the highway of Nations.

Mental Science teachers assert that they live in the Universal Opulence—but many can't pay their rent. They declare that they are healthy—but many times fail to cure their own ailments. How can health get sick or need affirmation? They stoutly maintain that they have absolute control over their bodies, but some of them are five feet two and weigh two hundred pounds. They claim they are free but yet they are convicted of violation of law and locked up in prison.

There is no reward in the eternal plan for doing good or right-thinking. Good is relative. We recognize good only by contrast with something unpleasant to us. But that which one calls good, another calls evil. Wisdom proceeds or operates but does not reward or punish. Wisdom is not personal—it is universal, therefore there is nothing to reward or punish.

A post mortem examination of some of the wrecks along the shores of the troubled sea of science discloses a belief that the soul or Ego is an individual, who through knowledge of its divine origin may draw unto itself all things it may desire! But as fast as

the sleepers awaken, they see that each soul is only "part of one stupendous whole" that does not draw unto itself anything. That there is no law of attraction for the eternal substance is everywhere present and each one uses exactly that portion prepared for him from everlasting unto everlasting.

When the continuity of life was first demonstrated beyond question those who caught the first dispatches from disincarnate spirits sprang forth from their beds of material sleep and with half closed eyes only saw the great truth through "a glass darkly." Then came a babel of words. They jabbered a jargon that needed translation to be understood. The ideas of progression in earth life that obtained among men were transplanted to the spirit realm and we were told by the votaries of spiritual philosophy that souls had great opportunities for progression after leaving the flesh. As the idea of a commencement of the universe was a common belief among souls asleep in material consciousness, being the corner stone of evolution, so the idea was taught that the individual had a commencement in the maternal human laboratory. As these half-awakened souls could not comprehend that an action contrary to their concept of good could possibly be caused by Infinite Intelligence they concluded that the so-called bad actions of men and women were prompted by evil earth-bound spirits. These people—many of them—also thought that the main object of the existence of Spirits in the Spirit realm was to gather information about mines, and stocks, and bonds, and lotteries, and races and thus assist poor mortals to get-rich-quick. It was supposed that those spirits were posted in regard to deeds and

wills and knew when wealthy relatives would shuffle off the mortal coil or when undesirable wives or husbands would "pass out."

But at last the sun of Truth pierced the darkness and the jargon of selfishness changed to the "New Song." We now clearly see that each spirit is a part or attribute of the One Eternal Spirit—therefore has existed always and that the process of generation deals with flesh clothing, oh mask for the spirit in which it performs a necessary part in the creative process. The word "person" is derived from a Greek word meaning mask.

We see that the phenomena we have called obsession by evil spirits is God's surgery or dynamic operation in his own temple quite as impossible for us to understand in our present

environment as it is for the child to understand the wisdom and necessity in the operation of the adept surgeon.

And, finally, we now see and realize fully that Eternal Wisdom without beginning or end of days does not progress before entering a temple of flesh, while it occupies it, or after it leaves it. All creative or formative processes may properly be termed operations of wisdom or Eternal Life.

In the unvalled temple of the Now, beneath its roofless dome lighted by myriad suns there is neither beginning or end; neither good or evil.

Within the domain of this necessity there is no evolution from low to high. There is nothing low. Within the realm of being there is no progression, but a constantly moving panorama forever presenting to Consciousness new phases of the absolute.

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## DEADLY POISON OF ALCOHOL

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*At the International Congress Against Drunkenness held in Milan last autumn the address that aroused the most interest was that of Prof. Ettore Marchiafava, physician to His Holiness Pope Pius X. Prof. Marchiafava does not condemn the use of wines in moderation; in fact he recognizes their value; but in his address he describes the injurious effects that the abuse of alcohol has upon each important organ of the body. Following are a few passages in it.*

"The baleful influence of chronic alcoholism and even of intoxication upon progeny is demonstrated by observations upon the fate of the children of drunkards by the stillbirths

and by all the malformations, deformities, mental degenerations and psychoses which are manifest in these children, and also by the now numerous experiments upon animals that have been made in Italy and elsewhere.

The drunken mother poisons the unborn child at the very outset of its development, for the alcohol passes freely from the maternal blood to that of the embryo. The drunken mother poisons the nursing baby, for the alcohol passes into her milk. Some ignorant mothers give alcohol to babies, even to nurslings, and continue to give it to children and youths. The gravity of alcoholic



heredity is increased by these pernicious habits and made still worse by evil example in the family, from which order, cleanliness, peace and every religious and moral sentiment are banished by it, and a terrible, precocious criminality sprouts darkly as a result.

That drinkers are often the children of drinkers is a well-known fact. The observations of Pieraccini upon several families of drinkers are interesting in this connection, as are the numerous statistics, among which I recall those of Mendelssohn quoted at the last congress: Of the 700 drunkards, 70 per cent were children of inebriates, 60 per cent of the father, 5 per cent of the mother, 15 per cent of both parents.

And for precocious criminality I recall the statistics of Garnier: 80 per cent of youthful criminals are children of drunkards.

All physicians admit that diseases of the heart arise from abuse of alcohol. Alcohol alters chiefly the heart muscle and the arteries that supply this with blood.

It is well known that in Germany, especially in Bavaria, enlargement of the heart through the enormous abuse of beer has been observed. The pathologist Bolinger called this "beer heart." Its origin is to be sought in an oversupply of alcohol.

When we consider all that takes place in the brains of drunkards we feel the tragic truth of the words that Shakespeare makes Cassio say: "O God, that men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains!"

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Thus far the abuse of alcohol as a direct cause of disease. Now we must add that this abuse may so affect the

body as to render it more apt to contract diseases of other origin. Among these is progressive paralysis. The fact that people who do not use alcohol do not have progressive paralysis, and that this makes its appearance as soon as alcohol is introduced among them, as happened with the negroes and with the North American Indians, is very eloquent.

Among the infectious diseases upon which the abuse of alcohol has the greatest influence is tuberculosis, that other great scourge of society. I remember a time in which it was believed that alcohol was antagonistic to tuberculosis, when the generous use of alcoholic beverages by those predisposed to it and the alcoholic "cures" for consumption. But the facts did not agree; on the contrary, they proved that alcoholism is favorable to the pathogenic action of the specific bacillus of which, in the words of Landouzy, it is like the bed.

The drunkard, in his life of misery, abjection and suffering, his defensive mechanism enfeebled, dyspeptic, with his blood and his tissues perpetually saturated with alcohol, is an easy prey to tubercular infection, as is the diabetic, whose blood is poisoned by too much sugar. And as in the diabetic so in the inebriate, pulmonary tuberculosis is often marked by a rapid diffusion, a greater tendency to ulceration; hence the course of galloping consumption.

This is confirmed by experience in the Umberto I. hospital for tuberculosis in Rome, where, from 1907 to 1912, out of 1,780 cases of tuberculosis 32 per cent were heavy drinkers!

If the abuse of alcohol were to cease upon the earth, as is the fervent hope and ardent desire of all of us,

with it would vanish no small part of the misery and the wickedness, and with it would collapse one of the obstacles that bar the way to that speedy perfection which is the destiny of a sober, good and industrious humanity."

### THE SECRETS OF SUCCESS FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN.

The following is copied from "The Herald and Presbyterian."

"The Secrets of Success for Boys and Young Men," by B. J. Kendall, M. D., cloth 12mo., 50 cents, published and for sale by the author, Geneva, Illinois. This is a most excellent handbook of counsel for boys and young men, in language strong and plain, and yet pure and elevated. The counsel in regard to sexual purity and other matters could not be excelled. The dangers are set forth in a way that any young person can readily understand. The evils of tobacco, alcoholic liquor, bad company, evil thoughts and other wrong and dangerous things are admirably presented. It is a capital book to put in the hands of a boy or young man.

### WHEN YOU TAKE A BATH

Don't just lie and sozzle Rub and scrub the skin thoroughly from head to foot. Massage the flesh. This stirs the blood and washes off the dead skin so that the body is really cleaned and the pores opened up. All this promotes health. It helps the body to get rid of the waste. If you don't take a bath every morning, go over

yourself with a rough towel. This will help some. It is especially necessary in winter to keep the skin open.. In summer one perspires, and this eliminates the waste that the skin pores are supposed to carry away. In winter there is none of this openness of the pores. The body is then like a house with all the doors and windows tightly closed so that no fresh air can circulate and carry off the waste gases. Some prominent man has said that those who take a bath every morning belong to a different order of beings from those who follow a weekly (or monthly) bath schedule. A daily bath is a valuable education and a physical and mental tonic. Try it, if you are not already a convert.

### FRIENDS FOR YOU

Edith Sargeant, Attica, Indiana.

Turn the corners of your mouth  
Up instead of down.  
Try to keep your forehead smooth,  
Hide the ugly frown.

Laugh a little every day,  
Laughter echoes back.  
Don't be like the sober judge,  
He has lost the knack.

Into every word you speak,  
Put a note of cheer.  
Don't forget that you as well  
As other folks are queer.

Prejudice is ignorance  
Of another's good.  
You sometime by someone too,  
May be misunderstood.

### SOME PRACTICAL RULES FOR SELF-CULTURE.

Capt. Walter Carey, R. N., in the January number of the "Herald of The Golden Age," published in London, England, says in part, under the above title, the following:

The mind is nourished and grows by the thoughts it is fed on. Think therefore nothing but good of others.

Practice daily thinking kindly of your enemy( if you have one) and look at things from his point of view.

Think kindly thoughts daily of your friends, and for the good of all people.

Always give others credit for acting under the best motives.

Be very tolerant in all things, especially the religious opinions of others, remember that the outerform of religion is unimportant. It is the spirit that matters, and whether it is acted up to.

In Christ's description of the last judgment of all nations (xxvi. Matthew, 32-46) those on trial were not asked:—"What religion did they profess?" "Were they orthodox?" "How often did they attend religious services?" "Did they believe so-and-so?" Not one of those questions so generally held to be necessary for salvation were asked.

The questions on which each individual was tried and sentenced were: Did you feed the hungry? Did you give drink to the thirsty? Did you clothe the naked? Did you visit the imprisoned? Did you take care of the sick? Did you lodge the stran-

ger?—all practical questions on matters relating to the individual's dealings with others during his life, and quite independent of the creed he may have held.

Do not criticize others (unless it is your duty to do so). It was Cromwell who said to his Council, "I beseech you, my brethren, in the sacred name of Christ to remember that you may sometimes be mistaken."

Do not be in a hurry to form opinions, first obtain full information and look on all sides of the question.

Practice control of your thoughts. Consider frequently what you are thinking about, and why; and if you disapprove of the subject reject it, and substitute other thought.

Do not let the mind get rusty from disuse. The older you are the greater should be your mental power, and store of useful knowledge.

Read and study some useful subject daily, and practice doing your own thinking.

Cultivate knowledge, seek lessons, and trace causes in everything that happens.

The mind is most efficient when it is calm, and when the physical and astral vehicles are so well under control as to cause no interference. It is therefore necessary to practice keeping cool and collected under all circumstances.

Look on irritating events as traps which may be fallen into, unless by



control of the vehicles one is enabled to overcome the irritating conditions and thus avoid the trap.

Apply the test of common sense to everything. Ask yourself, "Is it reasonable?" "Is it kind?" "Is it just?" and think and judge for yourself. It is no use always using the thought of other people, that will not improve your mental body.

On waking in the morning it is a good plan to let the mind run over the events of the previous day and impersonally judge whether the thoughts, emotions and actions were unselfish, kindly and the best possible; giving oneself credit where due, but condemning freely where there was failure to take the right course; then consider what can now be done to improve matters, and also what should have been done at the time; so as not to be caught on a future occasion by a similar experience.

Remember that a large number of small successes in building character are as valuable as a great victory, and victory in something big is unlikely unless success in small matters has been attained.

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An Idea.—The elderly stout man in the fourth row was attentively following the pastor's sermon.

"Let us then," said the exhorter, "break the bonds of custom and throw off the shackles of self, and acknowledge our debt to life's fundamental lessons. Let us deduct from the year's balance-sheet those obligations which we are morally bound to assume."

At this point the stout man suddenly chuckled and slapped his leg with con-

siderable force.

After the sermon he was overtaken by the pastor.

"You seemed greatly pleased with one section of the sermon," he said.

"Yes," replied the stout man. "What you said reminded me of a ripping new scheme for beating the income tax."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

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Sunday School Teacher—Clarence, do you know the meaning of the word "amen?"

Little Clarence—Yes'm. It means "ring off."—*Chicago Tribune*.

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